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To establish the Adams National Historical Park in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as the successor to the Adams National Historic Site.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 22, 1998

Mr. DELAHUNT introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.**

4 (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the
5 “Adams National Historical Park Act of 1998”.

6 (b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents of
7 this Act is as follows:

- Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.
- Sec. 2. Findings.
- Sec. 3. Definitions.
- Sec. 4. Adams National Historical Park.

Sec. 5. Administration.

Sec. 6. Authorization of appropriations.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress finds the following:

3 (1) In 1946, the Secretary of the Interior, by
4 means of the authority provided to the Secretary
5 under section 2 of the Act of August 21, 1935 (16
6 U.S.C. 462; commonly known as the Historic Sites,
7 Buildings, and Antiquities Act), established the
8 Adams Mansion National Historic Site in Quincy,
9 Massachusetts.

10 (2) In 1952, again using the authority provided
11 under the Act of August 21, 1935, the Secretary en-
12 larged the historic site and renamed it the Adams
13 National Historic Site.

14 (3) In 1972, title III of Public Law 92–272 (86
15 Stat. 121) authorized the Secretary to expand the
16 boundaries of the Adams National Historic Site to
17 include an additional 3.68 acres and to acquire lands
18 and interests in lands within the expanded bound-
19 aries.

20 (4) Section 312 of the National Parks and
21 Recreation Act of 1978 (Public Law 95–625; 92
22 Stat. 3479) authorized the Secretary to accept the
23 conveyance of the birthplaces in Quincy, Massachu-
24 setts, of John Adams, second President of the

1 United States, and John Quincy Adams, sixth Presi-
2 dent of the United States, and to administer the
3 birthplaces as part of the Adams National Historic
4 Site.

5 (5) In 1980, Public Law 96–435 (94 Stat.
6 1861) authorized the Secretary to accept the convey-
7 ance of the United First Parish Church in Quincy,
8 Massachusetts, the burial site of John Adams and
9 his wife, Abigail Adams, and John Quincy Adams
10 and his wife, Louisa Adams, and to administer the
11 burial site as part of the Adams National Historic
12 Site.

13 (6) The actions described in the preceding para-
14 graphs to preserve for the benefit, education, and in-
15 spiration of present and future generations of Amer-
16 icans the home, property, birthplaces, and burial site
17 of John Adams, Abigail Adams, John Quincy
18 Adams, and Louisa Adams, have resulted in a multi-
19 site unit of the National Park System with no over-
20 arching enabling or authorizing legislation.

21 (7) The sites and resources associated with
22 John Adams and his wife, Abigail Adams, and John
23 Quincy Adams and his wife, Louisa Adams, deserve
24 recognition as a national historical park in the Na-
25 tional Park System.

1 **SEC. 3. DEFINITIONS.**

2 As used in this Act:

3 (1) HISTORICAL PARK.—The term “historical
4 park” means the Adams National Historical Park
5 established in section 4.

6 (2) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
7 the Secretary of the Interior.

8 **SEC. 4. ADAMS NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK.**

9 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—In order to preserve for the
10 benefit, education, and inspiration of the people of the
11 United States certain properties in Quincy, Massachu-
12 setts, associated with John Adams, second President of
13 the United States, his wife, Abigail Adams, John Quincy
14 Adams, sixth President of the United States, and his wife,
15 Louisa Adams, there is established the Adams National
16 Historical Park as a unit of the National Park System.

17 (b) BOUNDARIES.—The historical park shall be com-
18 prised of—

19 (1) all property owned by the National Park
20 Service in the Adams National Historic Site as of
21 the date of the enactment of this Act, as well as all
22 property previously authorized to be acquired by the
23 Secretary for inclusion in the Adams National His-
24 toric Site, as generally depicted on the map entitled
25 “Adams National Historical Park”, numbered
26 NARO 386/92001, and dated July 22, 1992; and

1 (2) all property authorized to be acquired for
2 inclusion in the historical park by this Act or other
3 law enacted after the date of the enactment of this
4 Act.

5 (c) VISITOR AND ADMINISTRATIVE SITES.—To pre-
6 serve the historical character and landscape of the main
7 features of the historical park, the Secretary may acquire
8 up to 10 acres for the development of visitor, administra-
9 tive, museum, curatorial, and maintenance facilities adja-
10 cent to or in the general proximity of the property depicted
11 on the map identified in subsection (b)(1).

12 (d) MAP.—The map of the historical park shall be
13 on file and available for public inspection in the appro-
14 priate offices of the National Park Service.

15 **SEC. 5. ADMINISTRATION.**

16 (a) IN GENERAL.—The park shall be administered by
17 the Secretary in accordance with this Act and the provi-
18 sions of law generally applicable to units of the National
19 Park System, including the Act of August 25, 1916 (16
20 U.S.C. 1 et seq.; commonly known as the National Park
21 Service Organic Act), and the Act of August 21, 1935 (16
22 U.S.C. 461 et seq.; commonly known as the Historic Sites,
23 Buildings, and Antiquities Act).

24 (b) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS.—

1 (1) AGREEMENTS AUTHORIZED.—The Sec-
2 retary may consult and enter into cooperative agree-
3 ments with interested entities and individuals to pro-
4 vide for the preservation, development, interpreta-
5 tion, and use of the historical park.

6 (2) CONDITION.—Any payments made by the
7 Secretary pursuant to a cooperative agreement
8 under this subsection shall be subject to the condi-
9 tion that conversion, use, or disposal of the project
10 for which the payments are made for purposes con-
11 trary to the purposes for which the historical park
12 is established, as determined by the Secretary, will
13 result in a right of the United States to reimburse-
14 ment in an amount equal to the greater of—

15 (A) all payments made by the Secretary in
16 connection with the project; or

17 (B) the proportion of the increased value
18 of the project attributable to the payments, as
19 determined at the time of such conversion, use,
20 or disposal.

21 (c) ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY.—To advance
22 the purposes for which the historical park is established,
23 the Secretary may acquire real property within the bound-
24 aries of the historical park by any of the following meth-
25 ods:

1 (1) Purchase using funds appropriated or do-
2 nated to the Secretary.

3 (2) Acceptance of a donation of the real prop-
4 erty.

5 (3) Use of a land exchange.

6 (d) REPEAL OF SUPERSEDED ADMINISTRATIVE AU-
7 THORITIES.—(1) Section 312 of the National Parks and
8 Recreation Act of 1978 (Public Law 95–625; 92 Stat.
9 3479) is amended—

10 (A) by striking “(a)” after “SEC. 312.”; and

11 (B) by striking subsection (b).

12 (2) The first section of Public Law 96–435 (94 Stat.
13 1861) is amended—

14 (A) by striking “(a)” after “That”; and

15 (B) by striking subsection (b).

16 (e) REFERENCES TO HISTORIC SITE.—Any reference
17 in any law (other than this Act), regulation, document,
18 record, map, or other paper of the United States to the
19 Adams National Historic Site shall be considered to be
20 a reference to the historical park.

21 **SEC. 6. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

22 There are authorized to be appropriated such sums
23 as may be necessary to carry out the purposes for which
24 the historical park is established, for annual operations
25 and maintenance of the historical park, and for acquisition

1 of property and development of facilities necessary to oper-
2 ate and maintain the historical park, as may be outlined
3 in an approved general management plan for the historical
4 park.

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